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**Council Member Darin Bartram
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Council Member Bridget Hill-Zayat**

**Meeting Notes
Traffic Committee Meeting
August 27, 2020, 7:00 pm
Via Zoom Video Conference**

Committee Chair: Darin Bartram, Chair; Bridget Hill-Zayat, Co-Chair

- Please provide Minutes for the Meeting

Committee Members: John Doherty, Daniel Martin, Leslie Olson, David Romeo, Tina Sherman, and Anne-Marie Turner.

Call to Order

Old Business

1. **Farragut Avenue (3700 block)** – Discussion on the quick curb and traffic delineators (“plug”) at the intersection of Farragut Avenue and University Boulevard. Should the Town request the State Highway Administration to proceed with a permanent “plug” structure.

- The Committee discussed having SHA replace the temporary plug with a permanent structure and noted that speeds have reduced from an average of 18 mph to 15 mph since the plug was installed.
- The Committee noted concerns with how the plug works with the commercial property at 3720 Farragut Avenue and discussed working with the property owner to have them reverse the flow of traffic.
- The Committee agreed to request that SHA move forward with installing a permanent structure.
 - i. Anne Marie Turner will work with Town staff to answer additional concerns.

2. **Enforcement Priorities** – Discuss enforcement priorities/locations for our Police Officers.

- The Committee reviewed the current priority enforcement locations.
- Maintain the current priority list and include the following:
 - i. No Right Turn, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, along westbound Oberon Street at northbound St. Paul Street.

- ii. No Left Turn, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, along southbound Kensington Parkway at eastbound Kent Street.
 - iii. Focus on the westside ‘No Thru Traffic’ restrictions when two (2) officers are available.
3. **Kent Street and Frederick Avenue Turn Restrictions** – Review the proposed petition to remove the ‘No Left Turn’ signs at Kensington Parkway at Kent Street; Frederick Avenue at Kent Street; and Frederick Avenue at Wake Drive.
- The Committee discussed the proposed petition and agreed to allow the petitioner to circulate the petition electronically due to COVID-19 restrictions.
 - i. The Committee also requested that the email used for each property address be included on the petition.

New Business

1. **3900 block Plyers Mill Road** – Remove the westbound Stop sign along the 3900 block of Plyers Mill Road at Summit Avenue at the request of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT).
- The Committee discussed the request by MCDOT to remove the westbound Stop sign along the 3900 block of Plyers Mill Road at Summit Avenue.
 - The Committee recommended the proposal by Andrew Arai, KenGar resident, to leave the existing traffic control signs and add the following:
 - i. Westbound Plyers Mill -
 - 1. Add a curved line to direct traffic to the righthand lane of the bridge.
 - 2. Add a crosswalk.
 - 3. Repaint the stop bar perpendicular to the side of the road.
 - ii. Northbound Summit –
 - 1. Add a flashing Stop sign.
 - 2. Paint a stop bar closer to Plyers Mill.
 - 3. Add a dividing line to clarify two-way traffic along the Summit Avenue bridge.
 - Town staff will place the recommended proposal on the September 14 Council Agenda.
2. **3400 block Oberon Street** – Review request by residents of the 3400 block of Oberon Street to install a barricade at Kensington Parkway to prohibit vehicle traffic.
- The Committee heard a request by residents of the 3400 block of Oberon Street to install a barricade.
 - The Committee asked the Town staff to draft a petition for the request, to include all properties east of St. Paul Street between Plyers Mill Road and Metropolitan Avenue.
 - Town staff will have a formal traffic study done by the Town’s Traffic Engineer to gather data on number of vehicles and speeds.

3. **10200 block Montgomery Avenue** – Discuss safety improvements for the 10200 block of Montgomery Avenue, to include a possible sidewalk and an all-way Stop at the intersection with Hadley Place.
 - The Committee asked the Town staff to conduct a traffic study to add a ‘No Parking to Corner’ sign and to make the intersection of Montgomery Avenue at Hadley Place an all-way Stop.
4. **10400 block Detrick Avenue** – Install a ‘No Parking’ zone along the east side of Detrick Avenue between 10411 Detrick Avenue and the commercial driveway egress/ingress at 3930 Knowles Avenue.
 - The Traffic Committee concurred to recommend the Traffic Order to the Town Council.
5. **10400 block Detrick Avenue** – Change the “One Hour Parking” restriction to “Two Hour Parking” in accordance with the Town’s general parking regulations throughout the Town. Location is across from 10408 Detrick Avenue on the east side.
 - The Traffic Committee concurred to recommend the Traffic Order to the Town Council.